BPL people qualified for national old age pension

5214. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of below poverty line people who qualify for national old age pension;

(b) what is the gap between those who are receiving pension under the scheme and those who are not receiving it although they qualify; and

(c) what steps are being taken to cover all of them under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The Natinal Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS), which formed part of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and was administered as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme till the financial year, 2001-02, has been transferred to the State Plan with effect from the financial year, 2002-03. As per the guidelines of the National Old Age Pension Scheme, destitute persons aged 65 years or above having little or no regular means of subsistance from their own sources of income or through financial support from family members or other sources are eligible for pension under the Scheme. During the year 2001-02 5081902 beneficiaries were reportedly covered under the Scheme.

Scheme of water storage to deal with potable water crisis

†5215. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that serious crisis of potable water may arise in the country after few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.